

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
MISSOULA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RENE MYRON GARDNER,

Defendant.

CR 19–29–M–DLC

ORDER

United States Magistrate Judge Kathleen L. DeSoto entered Findings and Recommendation in this matter on October 9, 2019. Neither party objected and therefore they are not entitled to *de novo* review of the record. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); *United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003).

This Court will review the Findings and Recommendation for clear error.

McDonnell Douglas Corp. v. Commodore Bus. Mach., Inc., 656 F.2d 1309, 1313 (9th Cir. 1981). Clear error exists if the Court is left with a “definite and firm conviction that a mistake has been committed.” *United States v. Syrax*, 235 F.3d 422, 427 (9th Cir. 2000).

Judge DeSoto recommended this Court accept Rene Myron Gardner’s guilty plea after Gardner appeared before her pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11, and entered a plea of guilty to one count of conspiracy to distribute

50 or more grams of actual methamphetamine in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846, as set forth in Count I of the Indictment. Defendant further admits to the forfeiture allegation in the Indictment. In exchange for Defendant's plea, the United States has agreed to dismiss Counts II through IV of the Indictment.

I find no clear error in Judge DeSoto's Findings and Recommendation (Doc. 35), and I adopt them in full, including the recommendation to defer acceptance of the Plea Agreement until sentencing when the Court will have reviewed the Plea Agreement and Presentence Investigation Report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that Rene Myron Gardner's motion to change plea (Doc. 28) is GRANTED and Rene Myron Gardner is adjudged guilty as charged in Count I of the Indictment.

DATED this 25th day of October, 2019.



Dana L. Christensen, Chief District Judge
United States District Court